

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed March 15, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 62-64.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 8/19/02 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/12/01 & 3/15/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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The application has been amended as requested in the communication filed March 15, 2004. Accordingly, claims 1-54 have been canceled, claims 55-59, and 66-69 have been amended, and new claims 71-79 have been entered.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Loren Albin on May 13, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 55-61 and 65-79.

62. (Amended) A crystal of *S. aureus* peptide deformylase of SEQ ID NO: 12 having the orthorhombic space group symmetry C222₁ and comprising a unit cell having dimensions a, b, and c; wherein a is about 90 Å to about 100 Å, b is about 116 Å to about 128 Å, and c is about 45 Å to about 50 Å; and wherein $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$.
63. (Amended) A crystal of *S. aureus* peptide deformylase of SEQ ID NO: 12 having the space group symmetry C2 and comprising a unit cell having dimensions a, b, and c; wherein a is about 85 Å to about 100 Å, b is about 35 Å to about 50 Å, and c is about 90 Å to about 110 Å; and wherein $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ$ and β is about 90° to about 95°.
64. (Amended) A crystal of *S. aureus* peptide deformylase of SEQ ID NO: 12 having the tetragonal space group symmetry P4₁ or P4₂2₁2 and comprising a unit cell having dimensions a, b, and c; wherein a and b are about 130 Å to about 190 Å, and c is about 30 Å to about 70 Å; and wherein $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$.

Claims 62-64 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nashaat T. Nashed, Ph. D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0934. The examiner can normally be reached on MTTF.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy can be reached on 571-272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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